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25X1A 12. [REDACTED] Messrs. Warner and [REDACTED], OGC, and I attended a meeting at the Department of Justice for the purpose of discussing the Agency's proposal for legislation to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. Justice Department representatives still have some strong objections to certain aspects of our draft proposal. They are going to redraft it along the lines of current general legislation (S. 1400) now pending in the Congress and submit it for our review and comments.

25X1 13. [REDACTED] Met with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on recent developments on a sensitive Agency project.

I also mentioned the Director's appearance before the Moorhead Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee, yesterday and our meeting with Justice Department representatives on our sources and methods legislation this morning. In addition, I told McConnell that we had received a letter from Senator Proxmire in his capacity as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Development, Space, Science, and Veterans, Appropriations Committee, requesting a briefing on the Soviet space program. McConnell agreed that we should provide the briefing but also agreed that we should make it clear in advance that the briefing was classified, that the transcript probably could not be sanitized, and that only Committee staff personnel with appropriate clearances would be permitted to attend. In response to my question as to whether there was any objection to my showing Department of Justice representatives the transcript of the Director's testimony before the McClellan Subcommittee on Senator Proxmire's letter on our draft legislation, McConnell said he saw no objection, but would have to "check it out."

With respect to possible Committee action on the intelligence community budget, McConnell suggested that we do nothing by way of contact with Chairman McClellan until he (McConnell) has an opportunity to talk to the Chairman. He will then get in touch with us. See Memorandum for the Record.

I left with McConnell a copy of the research aide entitled "The Soviet Economy in 1973: Performance, Plans and Implications" and offered him a copy of the Intelligence Community Staff's Post-Mortem Report on the community performance before the Indian nuclear test of May 1974. McConnell declined this latter document on the basis that we could provide him with a copy if he should want it in the future.

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